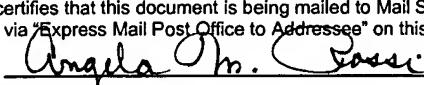


Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 41052/321146
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP2004/004261	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 05 April 2004 (05.04.2004)	U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) 10/552,130
TITLE OF INVENTION A PROTECTIVE SHIELD AND PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT INCLUDING SUCH A SHIELD AND A STORAGE BOX		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US BARDEL, Michel		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
<p>1. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>3. <input type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.</p> <p>4. <input type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).</p> <p>5. <input type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). </p> <p>6. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto. b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). </p> <p>7. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendment has NOT expired. d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made. </p> <p>8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</p> <p>9. <input type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 37(c)(4)).</p> <p>10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</p>		
Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:		
<p>11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</p> <p>12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</p> <p>13. <input type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.</p> <p>14. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.</p> <p>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</p> <p>16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.</p> <p>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821-1.825.</p> <p>18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. This certifies that this document is being mailed to Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 via "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" on this 20th day of December 2005, Express Mail Label No. EV772499085US  Angela M. Rossi b. Form PTO/SB/08 (one sheet) and three publications </p>		

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 CFR 1.5) 10/552,130		INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP2004/004261		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 41052/321146							
21. The following fees are submitted:											
<input type="checkbox"/> a) Basic national fee \$300.00 \$0.00 <input type="checkbox"/> b) Examination fee \$200.00 \$0.00 <input type="checkbox"/> c) Search fee \$400.00 \$0.00 TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = \$0.00											
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.											
Total Sheets	Extra sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole number)	RATE								
- 100 =	/50 =		x \$250.00 \$0.00								
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).											
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE								
Total claims	10 - 20 =	00	x \$50.00 \$0.00								
Independent claims	03 - 3 =	00	x \$200.00 \$0.00								
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)			+ \$360.00 \$0.00								
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = \$0.00											
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by ½. SUBTOTAL = \$0.00											
Processing fees of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)). + \$0.00											
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property + \$0.00											
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED = \$0.00											
<table border="1"> <tr> <td></td> <td>Amount to be refunded</td> <td>\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Amount to be charged</td> <td>\$0.00</td> </tr> </table>							Amount to be refunded	\$		Amount to be charged	\$0.00
	Amount to be refunded	\$									
	Amount to be charged	\$0.00									
a. <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees is enclosed. b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayments to Deposit to Account No. <u>11-0855</u> . A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. d. <input type="checkbox"/> Fees are to be charged to credit card. WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.											
NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revise (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the International Application to pending status.											
SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:											
Customer Number 23370 John S. Pratt, Esq. KILPATRICK STOCKTON LLP Suite 2800 1100 Peachtree Street Atlanta, Georgia 30309-4530 404.815.6500											
 SIGNATURE <u>Dean W. Russell</u> NAME											
<u>33,452</u> REGISTRATION NUMBER											